

Mariano Lake Chapter

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Navajo name: Be' ak'id hóteelí
Interpretation: Wide lake
Indian Population: 1980 Census: 718
 1990 Census: 720
 2000 Census: 865
Estimated land size: 67,138.83 Acres
Land Management District : 16

GOVERNMENT

Number of Chapter NNC delegate(s): 1
Number of police officer(s): nr
Navajo Police district office covering Chapter :
 Crownpoint District
Tribal offices that provide services within Chapter :
 Division of Social Services
 Community Health Representative
 Women, Infants & Children Program
 Adult In-Home Care

MEDICAL

Hospital(s) and clinic(s) where most Chapter people go:

Hospital	Town
Crownpoint Ind Hlth Care Fac	Crownpoint, NM
Gallup Indian Medical Center	Gallup, NM
Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hosp	Gallup, NM

EDUCATION

No. of Schools:

Pre-School/Head Start	1
Kindergarten to 8th	1
High School	0

Total enrollment by school (Fall of 2003):

School	Enrolled
Mariano Lake Community School	221
Mariano Lake Pre-School	20

Students from the chapter area attend Thoreau Middle School; Thoreau High School; Fort Wingate High School; and at Smith Lake Elementary School.

COMMUNICATIONS

No. of computers available for public use at Chapter: 3
No. of public payphones in the community: 1

Regular TV reception; stations received:

<u>Call Letters</u>	<u>Town</u>
KOB	Albuquerque, NM
KOAT	Albuquerque, NM
KRQE	Albuquerque, NM
KNME	Albuquerque, NM

Clear AM radio stations received:

<u>Call Letters</u>	<u>Town</u>
KTNN	Window Rock, AZ
KGAK	Gallup, NM
KYVA	Gallup, NM
KTHR	Window Rock, AZ

Clear FM radio stations received:

<u>Call Letters</u>	<u>Town</u>
KKOR	Gallup, NM
KGLX	Gallup, NM
KXTC	Gallup, NM
KXXI	Gallup, NM

Newspaper received within the Chapter :

<u>Name of Paper</u>	<u>Town</u>
The Independent	Gallup, NM
Navajo Times	Window Rock, AZ
Albuquerque Journal	Albuquerque, NM

Courier services within the chapter:

United Parcel Service

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Baseball Field
Library
Rodeo Arena

PUBLIC FACILITIES

No. of Office spaces at Chapter2
Warehouse

EQUIPMENT (Maintained by Chapter)

Farm Tractor

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

None Reported

CIVIC*Churches:*

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Est'd</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Mariano Lake Community Church		40

Indigenous:

Traditional Navajo Religionnr
Native American Church 45

Active community organizations:

Mariano Lake Veterans Organization
Native American Church Organization
NHA Residential Tenant Organization
Mariano Lake Senior Council
Pre-school Parent Policy Committee

COMMERCIAL*Available establishments in the Chapter :*

None

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TRANSPORTATION*Navajo Transit Services Available**Paved roads through the chapter area:*

Navajo Route 49

Distances to:

Agency: Crownpoint 24 miles

Window Rock 57 miles

Gallup, NM 32 miles

Grants, NM 55 miles

Albuquerque, NM 131 miles

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

No. of

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Navajo Nation	9
Bureau of Indian Affairs	55

LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES

Uranium

COMMUNITY/COOPERATIVE FARMING

None.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER

After the signing of the 1868 Treaty, an elderly man named Chief Mariano Martinez settled the lake area. The community did not have a name at the time. Chief Martinez and his scouts began construction of an earthen embankment to catch rain and melting snow run-off. The workmen used arrowheads, saddle blankets and rugs to excavate the silt to build the embankment. Soon after, the dam created a lake. Because Chief Martinez mobilized the construction of the dam, the lake became known as "Mariano Lake", and eventually, the community became known by the same name.

In 1920, Mr. Stacher, Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Crownpoint invited the communities of Dalton Pass, Thoreau, Smith Lake and Mariano Lake to participate in the construction of meeting facilities. Stacher motivated the communities by challenging which would construct the best building. Thus, the first meeting building was completed by October of that year. The Mariano Lake community was awarded a United States flag for building the best building.

After World War II, the community building could no longer be used due to the land ownership change. In 1958, the current chapter house was built with Navajo Tribal trust funds. During the 1950s was the first time in history, the Navajo Tribal Council was allowed to spend its money on capital improvements. Prior, BIA and Interior Secretary decided on how the Navajo moneys, from mineral royalty and land rental, would be spent. The community was more organized and a more formal type of local government was instituted. Through the certification of chapters, chapter officials were now also officially recognized.

The chapter house was renovated during October 1987 to May 1988. By Fall 1986, twenty-one NHA rental units were constructed. Fifteen Mutual Help units were constructed one year later, and an additional fifteen more Mutual Help units were built in 1995. The housing compound and units were dedicated; and blessed by a local medicine woman, Jean Mariano.

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